



Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

March 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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Present: Chairman Daniel Freitas, Vice Chairman Charles Murphy, Clerk Robert Espindola and Town Administrator Mark Rees.

Chairman Freitas called the meeting to order in the Town Hall Banquet Room at 5:06 p.m. The meeting was recorded by Cable Access.

Mr. Rees announced that that articles OO and PP will be deleted and not included for the May 4, 2019 annual Town Meeting.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Board of Selectmen discussed the Articles for the annual town meeting. The following votes were taken:

Mr. Murphy made a motion to have the two articles regarding the Solar Energy (OO and PP) withdrawn from the draft warrant. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Motion to close the warrant. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend adoption for the FY20 Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend adoption for the FY20 Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend adoption for General Fund Capital Budget. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend adoption for Roadwork. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend adoption for State Aid to Highways FY20. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend adoption for Ambulance Stabilization Fund. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend adoption for FY20 Water Enterprise Fund Capital Plan. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend adoption for FY20 Sewer Enterprise Fund Capital Plan. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend adoption for Social Day Care Center, reserve for appropriation for Social Day care program. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend adoption for Propagation of Shellfish. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend adoption for Senior Work Off Program. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend adoption for Transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to fund special education reserve fund. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

REQUESTED CHANGES TO THE FY20 BUDGET

Mr. Rees read the list of departments asking for additional funds from the original budget that was presented to the Board:

- The Sewer Department for the Highway mechanic position.
- The Board of Selectmen and Board of Health salaries are connected with the removing the health insurance for elected officials.
- The Town Clerk has requested additional money for a part time administrative assistant.
- Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School is requesting less money that was originally budgeted.
- Fire EMS would like to add more money in their budget for additional personnel.
- BPW is asking for an increase in pay for the Superintendent's salary, for a re-classification increase for the Administrative Assistant and for a part time administrative assistant.
- Sanitation needs an increase to deal with possible increases in recycling.
- The Veteran's operations needed to budget for mileage.
- The Park department needed money for beach maintenance.
- Information Technology Department needed money for tuition reimbursement.

The Board thanked Mr. Rees for his hard work on the budget.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Paquette

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Administrative Assistant
(approved on 4/8/2019)